Stay of Officers in the Department of Communications at one place

1572. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of years for which an officer of the Department of Communications is kept at a stretch at one place;

(b) whether there are any exceptions in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the number of officers of the rank of Directors who have been staying at the same places for years together and what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Normally maximum period of stay at a particular station is eight Years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There are altogether six officers of Jr. Admn. Grade who have stayed at the same station for more than eight years due to present ban on rotational transfers.

Abortions in the Country

1573. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state how many abortions|medical terminations of pregnancy took place after legalisation of abortion, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): A statement giving State-wise and year-wise number of Medical Termination of Pregnancies as reported by the States since the enactment of Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, *i.e.*, 1972-73 to 1988-89 is given in Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 105].

Raw Materials of Eastern States under Freight Equalisation

1574. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy of freight equalisation is discriminatory towards eastern States which has kept away raw materials produced in Western States; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any plans to bring raw materials produced in Western States under this policy?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Representations regarding the discriminatory nature of freight equalisations were received. Government have accepted in principle the recommendations of the Pande Committee (National Transport Policy Committee) Report to gradually phase out the Freight Equalisation Scheme, subject to subsidisation of transport for remote, inaccessible and isolated areas. The phasing out of freight equalisation for cement was completed by end of February, 1989 with the complete decontrol of the cement industry. However, the matter is to be deliberated upon by the National Development Council.

(b) There is no proposal to extend the Freight Equalisation Scheme to any other commodity.

IPKF Strength

1575. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 37 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the total number of the IPKF personnel sent to Sri Lanka and of those withdrawn;

(b) what is the latest strength of IPKF men in Sri Lanka as on date;

(c) what is the total number of IPKF men killed, injured and missing so far, separately;

(d) by when the IPKF men are likely to be called back to India and those withdrawn so far; and

(e) the number of LTTE persons killed and arrested till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The total strength of the IPKF in Sri Lanka has varied from time to time. Certain elements of the IPKF not operationally required in Sri Lanka have been withdrawn. The present strength of the IPKF in Sri Lanka is approximately 44,800.

(c) As on 26.7.1989, 971 IPKF personnel were killed, 2,540 were wounded and 3 are missing.

(d) The Government of Sri Lanka have been informed that the schedule of the withdrawal of the IPKF and the simultaneous implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement should be decided by mutual consultations.

(e) The total number of Tamil militants apprehended as on 26.7.1989 is 5469. In an operation of this kind, it is not possible to determine the exact number of militants killed or classify them by groups.

Hospital of Indian Red Cross Society at Dibrugarh

1576. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a hospital of Indian Red Cross Society at Dibrugarh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) According to the information received from the Indian Red Cross Society, New Delhi, they have no proposal to construct a hospital at Dibrugarh.

(b) Does not arise.

नर्मदा फाल्ट जोन के आसपास भूकम्प के खतरों का मूल्यांकन

1577. **श्री विश्वास राव रानराव पाटिल :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नर्मदा फाल्ट जोन के आस-पास भूकम्प के खतरों का मूल्यांकन करने और भारतीय उपमहाद्वीपों में भूकम्पों का विश्लेषण करने के लिए एक परियोजना हेतु संयुक्त राष्ट्र विकास कार्यक्रम ने 21500 डालर (लगभग 83 लाख रुपये) की धनराशि प्रदान की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या महाराष्ट्र में भारतीय मौसम विज्ञान विभाग वेधशाला स्थापित करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलैक्ट्रानिकी और अंतरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) जी हां। लेकिन यह धनराशि 5,21,500 डालर (83 लाख रुपये) है ।

(ख) इस परियोजना के मुख्य उद्देश्य इस प्रकार हैं :

(1) भूकम्पों की प्रक्रिया को समझना ;